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SUBJ: CANADA-TAIWAN RELATIONS

1. ROBERT SIMMONS, ANUS PROFESSOR IN CANADA, CALLED ON EMBOFF JAN 9 TO DISCUSS OUR ASSESSMENT OF STABILITY OF TAIWAN. DURING CONVERSATION, HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO TAIWAN ON A GRANT BY THE CANADIAN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE TO INFORMALLY SOUND OUT GROC ABOUT IMPROVING RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO SIMMONS, CANADIANS MOVED WITH TOO GREAT ALACRITY IN ESTABLISHING TIES WITH PRC AND NOW REGRET THAT ON-GOING INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE NOT MADE WITH TAIWAN. HE HAD DISCRETELY DISCUSSED WITH MR. WEI OF TAIWAN'S BOARD OF TRADE THE POSSIBILITY OF STATIONING AN INFORMAL CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN TAIPEI TO HANDLE TRADE. HE ALSO SOUGHT INFORMAION ABOUT HOW OTHER COUNTRIES HANDLE VISAS WITH TAIWAN. TAIWANESE WERE ELATED AND PROMISED TO SEND COMPLETE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS TYPES OF INFORMAL ARRANGMENTS THE ROC HAS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. ROC OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO
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BUY A CANDU NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FROM CANADA, THEY

SAID, TO AUGMENT THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. OFFICIALS
EXPRESSED SOME UNSPECIFIED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE
TWO GE PLANTS THEY NOW HAVE. (THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT
CRITICIZE THE WESTINGHOUSE PLANT.)

3. COMMENT: SIMMONS IS ONLY SLIGHTLY KNOWN TO EMBOFF
BUT WE SEE NO REASON WHY HE WOULD DELIBERATELY MISLEAD
US.
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